

FY 2017 GRANT REVIEW PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Grant Type: Education Resource

Panel Meeting Date: May 19, 2016

Panel Members Present: Madeleine Bayard, Wilmington (DSAC)
Teresa Emmons, Dover
Jennifer Golek, Wilm
Annette Chappell, Wilm
Jonathan Whitney, Wilm

Panel Members Absent:

Panel Chair: Lori Crawford, Dover (DSAC)

Staff Members Present: Paul Weagraff, Director
Kristin Pleasanton, Deputy Director
Sheila Ross, Program Officer
Katie West, Program Officer
Leeann Wallet, Program Officer
Gwen Henderson, Grants Administrator
Dana Wise, Office Administrator

Location: Delaware Agricultural Museum, Dover

Meeting Started: 11:00 a.m.

The grant review panel convened to evaluate applications for funding from the organizations listed below, based on pre-established criteria and scoring rubrics. Applications for funding to help schools, arts organizations, and artists work together to strengthen arts instruction in the schools were considered for Education Resource grants. The grant panel, made up of citizens from around the state, reviewed the applications in advance. At the meeting, the panel chair asked panelists to provide an objective and consistent evaluation of each applicant's project/program and to measure each application against the criteria in the grant application guidelines.

Panelists recused from discussion of applications due to a conflict of interest: Teresa Emmons, Schwartz Center; Jennifer Golek, DE Symphony; Jonathan Whitney, The DE Contemporary, DE Shakespeare Festival, Grand Opera House, Kuumba, Opera DE

Number of Grant Applications Reviewed: 18

Applications: (in order of review)

1. Art Therapy Express – *Arts for All*
2. Biggs Museum of American Art – *Curatorial Fellow*
3. The Delaware Contemporary – *Contemporary Connections*
4. DE School for the Deaf - *TheatreBridge*
5. DE Shakespeare Festival – *The Bridge*
6. DE Symphony Orchestra – *DSO Education Program*
7. DE Theatre Company – *Theatre in the Schools*
8. First State Ballet Theatre – *DanceWorks!*

9. Grand Opera House – *Stages of Discovery*
10. Joshua M. Freeman Foundation – *Sussex Concerts and Programming*
11. Kuumba Academy Charter School – *Traversing the Academic Terrain*
12. Newark Arts Alliance – *Art to Go: Clay Workshops*
13. Opera Delaware – *Youth Education Programs*
14. Rehoboth Art League – *Art Outreach-After School*
15. Schwartz Center for the Arts – *Summer Jazz Workshop*
16. The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware – *Forte! Satellite Expansion*
17. VSA Delaware – *Performing Arts Residency*
18. Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library – *Growing Students w/ STEAM*

Grant awards will be posted on the Division website at www.artsdel.org after the Delaware State Arts Council makes final funding recommendations and the FY2017 budget is adopted by the General Assembly. Panel comments for each of the applications will be available upon request once grant awards are announced.

General discussion was conducted at the conclusion of application review concerning the results of the ranking and funding considerations for the staff and Council related to rankings. The lowest four were recommended for zero funding.

Panelists recommended that rubrics be evaluated and asked that assessments be included if the project is a repeat.

Panel Chair thanked panelists for their time and preparation.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 p.m.